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(57) Abstract: A browning agent for foodstuffs having at least two carbonyl groups is disclosed. A method for using the browning agent in or on a substrate is also disclosed. The browning agent may be coated onto foodstuffs such as biscuits, pizza, pie coverings or hash brown potatoes and heated by microwave or convection oven to induce browning.